



SNOWMOBILE REGULATIONS & SAFETY TIPS

Yellowstone Winter Map & Guide

- **Snowmobile operators must have a valid state motor vehicle driver's license in possession.** Persons possessing a learner's permit may operate a snowmobile when supervised one-to-one within line of sight (but no more than 100 yds.) by a licensed person 21 years old or older.
- **Maximum speed limit is 45 mph (72 kph) or less where posted or as conditions warrant;** speed is checked by radar. Obey all speed limit and stop signs.
- Use hand signals when turning or stopping.
- Allow enough distance between snowmobiles when traveling.
- Pass only when safe.
- If you turn your machine around, you must do so within the road width.
- **Drive on the right side of the road** even if the roads are rough.
- **Drive in single file.**
- Do not idle your machine more than 10 minutes.
- When stopping, pull to the far right and park in single file.
- You must stay on designated roads. **Sidehilling, berm riding, or any off-road travel is prohibited** and carries a fine of up to \$5,000.
- **Report accidents to a ranger.**
- **Operating a snowmobile while intoxicated is illegal.** Possession of open alcoholic beverage containers, including bota bags, is illegal.
- Snowmobiles must be registered according to applicable state law.
- Lights and brakes must be in good working condition.
- Snowmobile exhaust and muffler systems must be in good working order. The maximum noise allowed is 78 decibels when measured during full acceleration at a

distance of 50 feet. Most stock exhaust systems meet this standard; "after-market" ("piped") exhaust systems often do not. Snowmobiles exceeding the decibel standard will be denied entry into the park.

- Snowmobiling at night is not recommended.
- Thermal basins, viewpoints, and walkways are snowpacked and icy during winter; fog reduces visibility. **Stay on boardwalks or maintained trails; walk carefully. Watch your children.** Your hand or voice may be too far away if your child leaves your side.
- Approaching, chasing, molesting, or feeding animals is prohibited. Winter is a time of great stress for wildlife. When you force an animal to move, it uses energy vital to its survival.

WILD ANIMALS HAVE THE RIGHT OF WAY

- If bison or other wildlife are on the road, stop at least 25 yards away and/or pull your machine as far as possible to the opposite side of the road; give them a chance to move off the road.
- Do not make sudden or erratic movements; use groomed pullouts where possible.
- Do not chase animals or cause them to stampede.
- *If the animal appears agitated*, do not attempt to pass or you may cause the animal to charge.
- *If animals run toward you* and you can confidently turn around, do so, moving to a safe place to reassess the situation.
- *If they walk or run toward you* and you cannot turn around, get off your machine and stand to the side of it, keeping the machine between you and the animals.
- *If they are standing calmly*, inch toward them and assess their behavior. If they remain calm, pass on the opposite side of the road at a moderate speed.

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Yellowstone is open for the winter season!

All entrance roads are open, and all major features can be reached by snowmobile and snowcoach.



Yellowstone National Park

There is no guarantee of your safety.

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Winter Facilities & Services

SNOWMOBILE FUEL

Old Faithful, Canyon, Fishing Bridge, Mammoth Hot Springs

LODGING

Old Faithful Snow Lodge and Cabins, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. *Reservations strongly recommended; call 307-344-7311.*

RESTAURANTS

Old Faithful Snow Lodge, Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. *Dinner reservations recommended at Mammoth; call 307-344-7901. Reservations not accepted at Snow Lodge.*

FAST FOODS

Old Faithful Snow Lodge—Geyser Grill, Canyon and Madison Warming Huts

LUNCH COUNTER, GROCERIES

Hamilton's Store, Mammoth Hot Springs

RESTROOMS

Heated restrooms are located at Mammoth Hot Springs campground, Mammoth Visitor Center, Old Faithful Visitor Center, Madison Warming Hut, and Canyon Warming Hut. Vault toilets at other locations throughout the park. See map on reverse side for locations.

CAMPING

The only campground open in winter is located at Mammoth Hot Springs. A backcountry permit is required for camping at any other location, including the winter camping area at Old Faithful. Permits may be obtained at ranger stations open in the winter.

CLINICS

Mammoth Clinic open weekdays 8:30 AM–1 PM and 2–5 PM; closed Wednesday afternoons; call 307-344-7965. Old Faithful Clinic open every other Friday beginning Dec. 28.

SNOWCOACH TOURS

Tours depart from Mammoth Hot Springs, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, West Yellowstone, and Flagg Ranch outside the South Entrance. *Reservations recommended; call 307-344-7311.*

SNOWMOBILE RENTALS

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel, Old Faithful Snow Lodge, and nearby communities

SKI AND SNOWSHOE RENTALS & TOURS

Bear Den Ski Shops at Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel and Old Faithful Snow Lodge

ICE SKATING, HOT TUBS, SHUTTLE

Mammoth Hot Springs Hotel. *Free shuttle service for the Mammoth area; 7:30 AM–5 PM.*

SERVICES OUTSIDE THE PARK

Contact local Chambers of Commerce for more information about services in West Yellowstone, Gardiner, and Cooke City, MT; Pahaska Teepee, Cody, Flagg Ranch, and Jackson, WY; and Idaho Falls, ID.

ACCESSIBILITY

Call the Yellowstone Park Accessibility Coordinator 307-344-2017, or ask for current information at visitor centers or staffed warming huts.

WEBSITES

Yellowstone National Park: www.nps.gov/yell
Yellowstone National Park Lodges: www.travelyellowstone.com
Yellowstone Association: www.yellowstoneassociation.org

Visitor Centers, Warming Huts, Activities

MAMMOTH HOT SPRINGS, ALBRIGHT VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 9 AM–5 PM. Information, educational bookstore, and exhibits on wildlife and early history of Yellowstone National Park. Short films on the National Park idea and on the artist Thomas Moran are shown. Check at the visitor center for a schedule of ranger activities, or call 307-344-2263.

OLD FAITHFUL VISITOR CENTER

Open daily 9 AM–5 PM. Information, educational bookstore, and geyser eruption predictions. Films on hydrothermal features are shown. Check at the visitor center for a schedule of ranger activities, or call 307-545-2750.

WEST YELLOWSTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, PUBLIC LANDS DESK

Open daily 8 AM–5 PM. Information, park passes. Located on the corner of Yellowstone Avenue and Canyon Street. Call 406-646-4403.

WARMING HUTS

Warming huts are winterized trailers or small rustic cabins where you'll find park maps, winter guide leaflets, and general information; see map on reverse for locations. With the exception of Indian Creek, warming huts are intermittently staffed by the National Park Service or a concession employee. Food service at the warming huts varies. There is no food service at Indian Creek or West Thumb. Vending machines are available at Fishing Bridge and Mammoth. A limited selection of hot drinks and snacks is available at Madison and Canyon.

ROVING INTERPRETIVE RANGERS

Look for rangers at Yellowstone warming huts or near major park features. They are intermittently available to assist you, to answer questions, and to tell you more about the winter wonderland of Yellowstone.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY: dial 911

NPS headquarters, information: 307-344-7381
TDD (Telecommunications Device for the Deaf): 307-344-2386

Yellowstone National Park Lodges:

In-park lodging and snowcoach tour reservations: 307-344-7311

Winter use planning continues. For more information, please write:
Winter Use Planning, Box 168, Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
or visit our website: www.nps.gov/yell/technical/planning/winteruse/plan